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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY GRAHAM
HOVEY, JULY 17, ENTITLED "INVITATION TO SMITH OF
RHODESIA IS TRICKY ISSUE FOR U.S."

2. WASHINGTON, JULY 16--THE PASTOR OF A CHURCH IN A
CHICAGO SUBURB HAS RAISED A DELICATE PROBLEM FOR THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION BY INVITING THE PRIME MINISTER OF
RHODESIA, IAN D. SMITH TO PARTICIPATE IN A RELIGIOUS
CONFERENCE JULY 29.

3. THE REV. HAUL LINDSTROM OF THE CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN
LIBERTY IN PROSPECT HEIGHTS, ILL., SAID YESTERDAY THAT
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MR. SMITH, WHO IS WHITE, AND THE THREE BLACK LEADERS
WHO PARTICIPATE WITH HIM ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
ESTABLISHED TO GOVERN IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD TO
MAJORITY RULE, HAD ALL ACCEPTED INVITATIONS. MR. LIND-
STROM, WHO HAS VISITED RHODESIA, SAID IN A TELEPHONE IN-
TERVIEW THAT WORD OF THE ACCEPTANCE WAS TELEPHONED TO
HIM FROM SALISBURY FRIDAY BY AN OFFICIAL IN THE RHODESIAN

GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE.

4. A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID PRIVATELY THAT THE QUESTION OF A VISA FOR MR. SMITH, STILL IN ACTUALITY THE HEAD OF A MINORITY REGIME THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED TO BE ILLEGAL BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT IS STILL THE OBJECT OF UNITED STATES ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, IS BOUND TO EMBARRASS THE ADMINISTRATION. NOT EVEN THE WHITE-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAS HELPED RHODESIA COPE WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE SANCTIONS, IMPOSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, HAS GIVEN FORMAL RECOGNITION TO MR. SMITH'S GOVERNMENT SINCE IT DECLARED THE SELF-GOVERNING COLONY INDEPENDENT OF BRITAIN IN 1965.

5. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH THE BRITISH IN AN EFFORT TO BRING MR. SMITH AND THE THREE BLACK LEADERS WHO COLLABORATE WITH HIM INTO CONFERENCE WITH THE TWO LEADERS OF A BLACK COALITION THAT IS WAGING GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT FROM BASES IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA. THUS FAR MR. SMITH AND HIS COLLEAGUES, BISHOP ABEL T. MUZOREWA, THE REV. NDABANINGI SITHOLE AND SENATOR JEREMIAH CHIRAU, HAVE REJECTED THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR AN "ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE" TO NEGOTIATE RHODESIA'S POLITICAL FUTURE.

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6. LAST MARCH THEY REACHED THEIR SO-CALLED INTERNAL AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH THE FOUR-MEMBER COUNCIL WAS SET UP TO LEAD THE COUNTRY TO ELECTIONS BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLACK-LED GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

7. BISHOP MUZOREWA ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY ON THE INVITATION OF SENATOR JESSE A. HELMS, REPUBLICAN OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND WILL MEET THIS WEEK WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THE BISHOP HAD BEEN GRANTED A VISA AS "A LEADING RHODESIAN NATIONALIST WITH WHOM WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONTINUED CONTACT AND WHO, WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSUMED, WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT LEADING TO AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE." ZIMBABWE IS THE NAME BLACK AFRICANS GIVE TO RHODESIA.

8. BISHOP MUZOREWA VISITED WASHINGTON LAST MARCH TO TRY TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HIS OPPONENTS, JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE, WHO

DIRECT THE TWO GUERRILLA FACTIONS, HAVE ALSO VISITED
THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR.

9. THE GRANTING OF A VISA TO MR. SMITH WOULD INEVITABLY
CAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS WITH THE LEADERS
OF THE BLACK COUNTRIES SITUATED ON OR NEAR RHODESIA'S
BORDERS, WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THE BRITISH-AMERICAN VIEW
THAT AN ENDURING SETTLEMENT REQUIRES THE PARTICIPATION
OF MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE. ON THE OTHER HAND THE
REFUSAL OF A VISA WILL PROVIDE AMMUNITION FOR CRITICS
OF THE ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS MR. HELMS. CHRISTOPHER

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